

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning Grant

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 2:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Will Brinker (TEEM, Water Department), Will Conklin (Greenagers), Emily Eyre (EGC), Joyce Frater (ConCom), Bill Tynan (ConCom), Bruce Bernstein (COA), Jeff Malloy (BSC Group), Jef Fasser (BSC Group)

Recording: Juliette Haas (BOH, Sustainability Coordinator, EGC)

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm. The minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
- 2) Emily Eyre mentioned three recent MVP webinars are available for viewing to those who might be interested. A short discussion ensued as to how underserved members of the Egremont community (seasonal migrant workers, low income, etc.) could be identified and best served by the project. Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) might be able to provide Egremont with some data on this.
- 3) Jeff Malloy and Jef Fasser of BSC Group presented their credentials and experience with the MVP Program. Their firm has prepared numerous Climate Action Plans which included numerous disciplines of climate adaptation and sustainability planning (flooding concerns, affordable housing, invasive species, population migration and displacement, et. al). BSC Group prepared a Climate Action Plan for the Town of Sheffield which also included New Marlborough and Sandisfield on dirt road protection. They described the unique “bottom up” approach of the MVP program where communities first build a CORE Team then hold community workshops to gather engagement and input from the entire community. They have only created two integrated Hazard Mitigation and Climate Action Plans and are reluctant to take on the preparation of a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Egremont as they felt the funding provided by an MVP Planning Grant doesn’t adequately cover the costs for both. They asked the committee if they would be interested in BSC Group only providing the necessary yearly update to the current Egremont HMP and then leave the larger, regional update due in 2022 to Berkshire Regional Planning. (Juliette will seek guidance from CarrieAnne Petrick, the MVP Regional Coordinator on this point).
- 4) The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm. The third and final interview for Certified Provider with Weston and Sampson, the firm that is working with the Town of Richmond on a MVP Planning Grant will be held at the next meeting on Tuesday February 16th at 2:00 pm.

Approved
Juliette Haas
2/16/2021